



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## KING MACKEREL TRIP LIMIT DECREASED TO 500 POUNDS PER DAY FOR COMMERCIAL HOOK-AND-LINE VESSELS FISHING IN THE NORTHERN FLORIDA WEST COAST SUBZONE

The daily vessel trip limit for the commercial fishery for Gulf group king mackerel in the northern Florida west coast subzone is **reduced to 500 pounds, effective 12:01 noon (local time) December 27, 2007**, through June 30, 2008. NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has determined 75 percent of the subzone's 168,750-pound quota has been landed.

The 500-pound trip limit applies to vessels fishing for king mackerel in or from the exclusive economic zone in the northern Florida west coast subzone. The 500-pound trip limit will remain in effect until the quota is reached and the fishery closes or until the end of the current fishing year (June 30, 2008), whichever occurs first.

The northern subzone is the part of the eastern zone between 26°19.8' N. lat. (a line directly west from the Lee/Collier County, FL boundary) and 87°31'06' W. long. (a line directly south from the Alabama/Florida boundary).

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